



Mary Elizabeth Rhodes, daughter of George Henry Rhodes and Elizabeth Ningsinger. Born January 23, 1818, in Boone, Warnock County, Indiana. Died March 29, 1900 at Bicknell, Utah.

William came to Utah in 1852 in Capt. Nissonger's Company with his parents. After arriving in Utah the Meeks family moved to Nephi, Utah. Three years later they were called to go to Fort Supply in Wyoming where they stayed during the time Johnston's army came through.

In 1858 or 1859 William Meeks came into Provo Valley with Joseph Parker, William Cummings, William Wall and Andrew Ross. They cut some hay and fed their livestock on what they called Meek's Bottom about two miles southwest of the present Heber City.

During the winter of 1859 and 1860 William Meeks and others built a sawmill in Center Creek Canyon, which was the pioneer sawmill in the valley. A grand-daughter, Mary Ann Meeks Wirthlin says her grandfather, William Meeks suggested that the town be called Heber City, after the given name of Heber C. Kimball.

William Meeks was the first Presiding Elder in the valley. In 1860 he helped to build a log cabin, 16 feet by 40 feet which was used for the Pioneer Day celebration that year.

The Meeks family moved to Provo from Heber City and Midway, and from there to St. George where William was killed in a horse accident.

Children of William and Mary were:

Harvey, married Catherine Dowdle

Henry, married Ann Mecham

Elizabeth, married Jared Bullock

Mary Ann, married William Cummings

William, married Sarah Gardner

Joseph, married Vilate Burgess

Mary Jane, married James Pierce  
Mary Melissa, married Willard Snow  
Mary Louisa, married James Gardner.

## JOHN MORTON AND MARGARET CUNNINGHAM MORTON

John Morton, one of the early settlers of Midway, was born in New Kilpatrick, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, April 29, 1816. He was reared by friends of his mother's family and through the influence of these good people, he joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Margaret Cunningham became Mrs. John Morton on December 30, 1840. For seventeen years the Mortons lived in Scotland and John worked as a coal miner. Soon after Margaret became converted to the church, the family felt the necessity for closer church association and they, with their children, Allen, Mary and John Jr. crossed the ocean on the vessel Tuscarora. They arrived in Philadelphia on July 3, 1857 and traveled immediately into Maryland where they stayed for a year while John and his eldest son Allen worked in the coal mines.

In 1858, they crossed into Pennsylvania where they lived and worked for five years in preparation for their westward journey.

In 1863, they started for Utah, coming to St. Joseph, Missouri, by railroad and then taking a steamboat up the Missouri River to Florence, where they met an ox team train taking members of the Church to Utah. The family arrived in Utah in September of 1863 and then went to Franklin, Idaho, for three months. They arrived in Provo Valley in December of 1863 and were greeted by Margaret's brother, Robert Cunningham.

Margaret Morton made yeast which she would exchange for flour and sugar and in this way, she provided for her own needs after her husband's death. She never sold yeast on Sunday or Relief Society day and as people would come from all over Midway to get yeast from her, they would comment to each other concerning the spotless home and person of Margaret Morton and upon the pleasure which it gave them to talk with her.

The Morton home was located near the spot where Conrad Gertsch's barn now stands.

## JOHN MOSER AND JANET S. WRIGHT MOSER

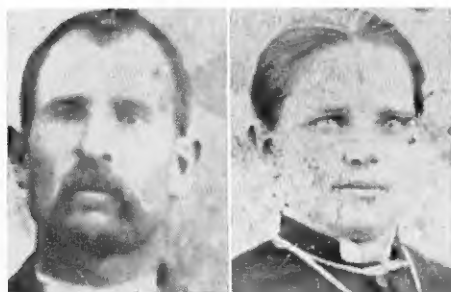


John Moser lived in the Midway Fort String. We can find very little history of him. He married Janet Stevenson Wright July 17, 1866, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She was born February 15, 1796, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and died June 27, 1874. In 1873 he married Anna Makale who was born in Pulak, Canton Serve, Switzerland, January 2, 1839. She joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints August 28, 1871. She lived to be more than 103 years old.

John Moser died in 1890.

The family home was in the Upper Settlement called Mound City. They built a house where the Andrew Lundin property is.

## DAVID MARTIN AND ABIGAIL REYNOLDS OAKS



David Martin Oaks was born January 2, 1848 at Winter Quarters, Douglas County, Nebraska, a son of Hiram and Sarah Ann Wood Oaks. He married Abigail Mary Reynolds, March 2, 1869. David died October 27, 1894.

Abigail Mary Reynolds was born September 2, 1842 at Nunda, Livingston, New York, a daughter of William Pitt and Melissa Bardwell Reynolds.

When David was a baby his parents came to Utah. They settled finally in Midway where David grew up. He was very active in assisting to fight the Indians, and was known as an excellent marksman. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk War.

After his marriage David resided in Midway and worked with his father in the timber and saw mill business. In 1889 he assisted his father in moving the sawmill to Ashley Valley. David moved his family there, where they resided permanently. He was one of two men who made trips from Ashley Valley to Heber City on snow shoes in the winter time to obtain supplies. Many times he had to race from wolf packs through the Strawberry Valley.

While still a young man, David died from pneumonia.

Abigail was very active in community life, serving both as a teacher and a midwife. She was teaching school at the time of her marriage to David. She had come to Utah with her parents in 1853, settling in Midway. After the death of her husband she was very active as a nurse and midwife.

Children of David Martin and Abigail Mary Reynolds Oaks:

William Hyrum  
Sarah Melissa  
Martin Edwin.

## HIRAM AND SARAH ANN WOOD OAKS



Hiram Oaks was born in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1825, the son of James Selah and Catherine Almira Pritchard Oaks. He married Sarah Ann Wood. To this happy couple were born eleven children.

From Pennsylvania the family moved up to New York, and from there to Illinois. In moving about they encountered the Latter-

In spite of his lean, hungry days as a boy, Ephraim grew to manhood as a respected, loved member of the community. He was noted for his honesty, sweetness, courage and sense of humor.

To Ephraim and Laura Mohlman were born eight children:

Lloyd B., married Olive Terry;  
Glenn E., married Florence Carter;  
Vera May, married Gordon Hauson;  
Orson Delbert, married Jeannette Maxwell;  
John Willard, married Cleo Allen;  
Frank Ray, married Venice Lundberg;  
Farrell Jay, married Nedra Todd;  
Grant, died in infancy;

Ephraim Mohlman died September 24, 1950, at Roosevelt, and Laura B. Mohlman died December 27, 1959, at Spanish Fork. Both are buried in Midway.

### JOHN GERD AND ANNA CAROLINE GALLI MOHLMAN

John Gerd Mohlman was born February 12, 1825. He came to Utah as a US soldier in Johnston's Army and lived in the Cedar Fort area. When the Army disbanded and returned East, John remained in Utah, joined the LDS Church and married a Mormon girl, Anna Caroline Galli. She was born December 23, 1844.

They lived first at Cedar Fort, and then came to Midway in 1871. Three of their children were born at Cedar Fort and four at Midway. Their family included:

Emily Luella, married Ernest Daniels and later Alf Thomas;

Caroline Louise, married Giles Wood;

John Jr., died in infancy;

Orson Horisho, married Clara Decker;

Ephraim Manassah, married Laura Birchumshaw;

Alice Magdeline, married Frank Dudler;

Ada Emelia, married Frank Epperson.

John Gerd Mohlman died September 12, 1881, leaving his wife with a very young family to rear. He was buried in the old Midway Cemetery. Anna lived in Midway until her death December 21, 1911.

### JOHN EDWIN AND ELLEN BAKER MORTON

John Edwin Morton, son of John Morton and Fanny Wardle Morton. Born June 5, 1873, in Midway. Married Ellen Malvina



Baker June 29, 1892. Died March 5, 1933, Salt Lake City.

Ellen Malvina Baker, daughter of George T. and Ellen Maria Wagstaff Baker. Born June 29, 1872, in American Fork. Married John Edwin Morton, June 2, 1892. Married Alma Wagstaff October 26, 1938. Married John Price August 18, 1943.

She died October 4, 1953, in Charleston. Buried in Kaysville.

John Edwin Morton and Ellen Malvina Baker had 11 children. Hugh lived to be 10 years old and drowned. Ruth and Sharon lived to maturity. Eight babies died in infancy.

John Edwin's mother died March 20, 1883, when John Edwin was about nine years of age. She left two children, John Edwin and Lucretia a little older. John Morton and his mother, grandmother to the children, took care of them and sent them to school. Eddie as he was called was a very bright student. Attewall Wootton who was principal of the school recognized that he was an exceptional student and helped him all he could. Lucretia got married quite young to Robert Krebs and Eddie attended the academy in Heber, and prepared himself to teach school. He taught in Buysville, now Daniels Ward. He had a very good friend, Charles Wahluquist, who would advise him. When he was over nineteen years of age he married Ellen Malvina Baker in the Manti Temple on the 29th day of June, 1892. After they were married they lived in Charleston and he worked in Nile Murdock's store for a while and taught school in Charleston. On April 16, 1893, their first baby, a little boy, was born but died at birth. They rented a farm from John Ritchie but the river got high and washed it out. He continued to teach school hoping to get means enough to go and study to be a doctor. He bought a little brick house on the

hard and saved enough money to come to Utah. He arrived in Midway in 1886. He helped to finance the trip of a number of his family to Zion. His father, Samuel Mitchell was born July 5, 1829, in Switzerland. He died November 9, 1899, in Midway. His mother Elizabeth Mitchell was born May 4, 1827, in Switzerland and died August 28, 1898, in Midway. They, with their children, Samuel, Christian, Robert, Charles, Albert, Rosetta and Annie all came to Utah as Mormon converts. They all settled in Midway except Samuel who moved to Park City. One brother stayed in Switzerland.

Samuel married Rosetta Haueter.

Robert married Annie White Shields. Robert is still alive at 94 and is the oldest resident of Midway. Charles (Karl) married Maria Schoney.

Rosetta, married John Forrer;

Albert, married Susan Jones;

Annie, married John Krebs and moved to Logan;

Christian and Robert worked for several years for Mr. Jacob Schneitter.

Christian Mitchell was a splendid farmer and mason. He was honored for his skill and his integrity. He was a hard and diligent worker all the days of his life. He worked in the field when he was nearly 90 years old with the vigor of a middle aged man.

He and his good wife had 11 children. Their son Perry and his wife and their six children now live on the old "Homestead Place."

Christian Alma, died in infancy;

William LaFayette, married Ruth Virgie Collins;

Mrs. Ernest (Mary Elizabeth) Broadhead;

Perry, married Margot Jenny Peterson;

Clarence Franklin never married;

Joseph, married Emma Bates;

Orson Bernell, died in youth;

George, died in childhood;

Brian, died in childhood;

Tracy, married Chloe Meeks;

Glade, married Lorna Murdock.

## KARL (CHARLIE) MITCHELL AND MARIA SCHONEY MITCHELL

Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Mitchell.  
Born November 5, 1866, in Switzerland.



Married Maria Schoney April 9, 1897, in Heber. Died December 24, 1918, Midway.

Karl, known as Charlie, came to Midway as a Mormon convert with his parents and brothers and sisters. All members of the Mitchell family were sturdy, hard working Christian people. Charlie did well his part in developing the farm lands of Midway.

Maria Mitchell was active in church affairs and was an ardent member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was born in Midway December 18, 1874, the daughter of Christian and Mary Schoney. She died September 6, 1953, in Midway.

Children of Karl and Maria Schoney Mitchell:

Edward, married Alice Ivie;

Mrs. R. D. (Louise) Carter;

Mrs. Dan (Lydia) Holmberg;

Ruby, died in infancy;

Mrs. LeRoy (Pearl) Kinsey;

Luella Sylvia, died in infancy.

## EPHRAIM MANASSAH AND LAURA BIRCUMSHAW MOHLMAN

Ephraim Manassah Mohlman was born in Midway, October 13, 1874, a son of John Gerd and Anna Caroline Galli Mohlman. On October 9, 1899, he was married to Laura Bircumshaw, who was born in Salt Lake City, September 27, 1877, a daughter of John Willard and Mary Jane White Bircumshaw.

As a young boy, Ephraim lost his father, and had to assume much responsibility in helping care for his widowed mother. He and his brother Art herded the town cows for 10 cents a week, and accepted any other work they could. Their mother took in washing and did everything she could to keep her family together.

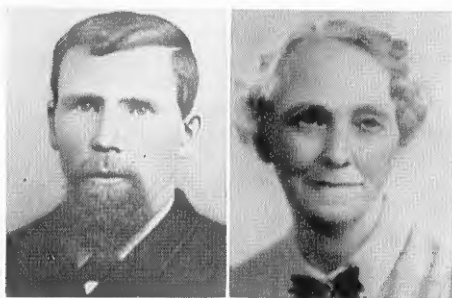
road to Midway. He had a little barn on the place with some machinery and hay and it got burned down. On the 6th of November 1895, a little girl was born to them but also died at birth. He continued to teach school and do other work to get means to go to school in California. On the 24th of December 1897, a little boy was born to them. They called him Hugh, a comfort and blessing to the whole family. In 1898 they sold their home and furniture and John Edwin prepared to go to school. He took his wife and baby and went to San Francisco to study where they stayed for several years. Dacy Baker and Theodore Miller also went with them. After Eddie graduated they came to Heber City where he practised medicine for several years and two baby boys were born but died at birth.

About 1906, they moved to Kaysville, where he was very successful as a doctor and built a hospital. They had three children while living there, Inez Ladacy who lived a short time and passed away. Grant, a little boy who lived about three months and passed away and little Hugh their only living child was drowned in Kaysville reservoir at ten and one-half years old. Ruth was born later, December 19, 1917, and is still living. They became discouraged and moved to Roosevelt where he was quite successful as a doctor and built a hospital. Another little boy was born to them, John George, but died soon after birth. On July 21, 1917, Sharon was born and is still living. They moved back to Salt Lake City in 1928. Dr. Morton was very bright and studied astrology and drew many maps. He accomplished a great deal in his short life. He died at the age of 56, in Salt Lake City.

Ellen Malvina Baker Morton was born in American Fork. When she was about three years old she went with her parents to Circle Valley in Southern Utah. They lived there for about three years. Then they moved back to American Fork. She went to school there and Brother Joseph Forbes was her teacher. She was good at reciting. She learned a piece "I'll be a Farmer's Wife" and recited in the Sunday School Anniversary for which she received a prize from the General Authority who was present. In about 1884, she moved with her parents to Charleston where she went to school. She was a very good student, especially in spelling. When she finished grade school she attended the University of Deseret. After

which she taught school in Charleston. She married John Edwin Morton and they lived in Charleston for several years. While in Roosevelt Ellen M. Morton was president of the Primary. She was also secretary of the Primary in Charleston. They moved back to Salt Lake City in 1928. Dr. Morton passed away March 5, 1933 in Salt Lake City. On October 26, 1938, Mrs. Morton married Alma Wagstaff and on November 4, 1938, he was killed in an automobile accident and she received a broken leg and other injuries. August 18, 1943, she married John Price. He died. Ellen Malvina Morton died October 4, 1953, in Charleston and was buried in Kaysville.

### JOHN MORTON, JR. AND MARIA WATKINS MORTON



John Morton was born April 26, 1851, in Stirlingshire, England, the son of John Morton and Margaret Cunningham.

When he was six years of age, he, with his parents, brother Allen, and sister Mary, emigrated to the United States. They sailed on the ship, Tuscarora. They reached Philadelphia on July 3, 1857, five weeks after setting sail. From there they went to Maryland, where they remained for a year. In 1858 they moved to Pennsylvania and stayed for five years. The Civil War made it necessary for all able-bodied men to work, so young John, only ten years of age, went to the coal mines with his father and Allen and worked hard as a miner for two years.

In May 1863, the family started for Utah, going to St. Joseph, Missouri, by railroad and then by steamboat up the Missouri River to Florence, where they met the ox train waiting to take the Saints to Utah. In crossing the plains John walked most of the way. The family first settled in Franklin, Cache



Valley, Idaho. Here John and his sister, Mary, were baptized.

John's uncle, Robert Cunningham, who was living in Provo Valley, wrote to the Morton family and urged them to come to him and he could help them secure land. So three months later they settled in the Upper Settlement of Provo Valley.

In 1866 John joined Ira Jacob's company in the Home Guard of the Black Hawk War.

On June 16, 1872, he married Fanny Lucretia Wardle, daughter of George Wardle and Fanny Rushton. For five years John and his family lived in Glenwood, Sevier County. They returned to Midway in 1878. On March 20, 1883, his beloved wife died. To them had been born two children, John Edwin and Fanny Lucretia. John Edwin married Lavina Baker. He was a doctor and spent part of his young life in Provo Valley. Fanny Lucretia married Robert Krebs.

In 1885 Mr. Morton received a call from John Taylor to go on a mission to the Southern States with only six days in which to get ready. He was ordained a Seventy on April 13, 1885, and set apart for his mission the same day. Ten Elders left Salt Lake City together for the Southern States Mission, and two years later they all returned together.

At Quarterly Conference in Heber on May 12, 1877, the 96th Quorum of Seventies was organized. Brother Morton was set apart as one of the presidents. He held that position until 1909, when he moved his family to Kaysville, Utah. In Kaysville he served as a Stake missionary.

In May, 1888, he married Maria Watkins in the Logan Temple. To this union were born eight children.

Mr. Morton worked in the timber and did much to develop mining in Wasatch County.

He died in Kaysville on April 20, 1920.

Maria Watkins was born in Midway October 30, 1870, to John and Harriet Steele Watkins. She was the seventh child of a family of thirteen children. Harriet Watkins, Maria's mother, died at the birth of her thirteenth child. Maria was only eleven years old, but she helped her father's third wife, Mary Ann Sawyer Watkins, to raise the little children.

Maria helped cook at her father's saw mill up Snake Creek Canyon. She early assumed the responsibilities of an adult. At the age of seventeen, on the sixteenth of May, 1888, she married John Morton Jr., in

the Logan Temple. They made their home in Midway, and became the parents of eight children:

Robert Cunningham, died in youth;  
Effie Ophelia, married Heber Murdoch;  
Sterling, married Ivy Isabella Smith;  
Basil Wallace, married Emma Lou Knothe;  
Bernard, married Mattie A. Hamblin;  
Maynard, died in infancy;  
Alton Watkins, married Thelma Barlow;  
Emery Llewellyn, married Dorothy Myrle Bywater.

In 1909 the family moved to Kaysville, Davis County. Mr. Morton died in 1920. Mrs. Morton took in boarders and managed a small lunch stand to help finance the education and bringing up of her children.

In 1936 she went to Midway to take care of her brother William and his wife, Mary Busby, who were both in very poor health. William died November 6, 1937, and Mary died July 8, 1939. Maria stayed with them until after their deaths. She was always kind and willing to help wherever she was needed. She did beautiful handiwork and gave it all away. She worked faithfully in the Church. She spent the last years of her life in Salt Lake with her daughter, Effie. She died November 4, 1948, in Salt Lake City.

## CHRISTIAN MURRI, SR., AND MAGDALENA BALSIGER MURRI



Christian Murri Sr., son of Niklaus Murri and Barbara Strit Murri was born October 27, 1832, at Scherli, Bern, Switzerland.

Magdalena Balsiger, daughter of Christian Balsiger and Magdalena Schmid Balsiger, was born on November 12, 1831, at Zim-merwald, Switzerland.

They were married on August 13, 1857, and came to Midway in the fall of 1879.